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This letter is written to comment on the reduction of egg borne diseases because of the many illnesses and deaths caused by contaminated eggs. The FDA must do more than put Bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures.

The FDA should prohibit the practice of forced molting, the intentional starving on hens, because molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hens immune systems.

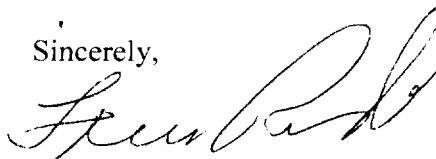
Your Office has jurisdiction to ban such farm practices and should actively pursue this.

Forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs and the consumers of eggs. The CRUELTY AND CONTAMINATION ARE LINKED.

The FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting and this petition should be granted without delay.

Please take action on docket numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0418 and 97P-0197.

Sincerely,

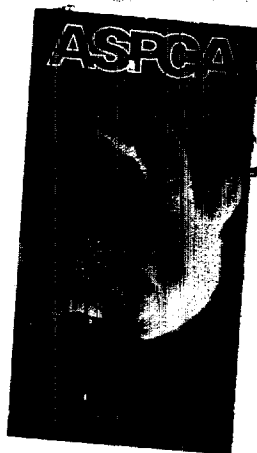


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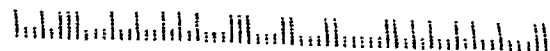
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